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SUBJ DISCUSSION WITH GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY RE VISA AND TAX MATTERS

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1. MISSION OFFICERS ON SEPTEMBER 16 CALLED AT GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DISCUSS VISA MATTERS WITH SIEMENS, USA DESK, AND GERTRUD RIECHEL OF MINISTRY'S CONSULAR SECTION. SIEMENS, REFERRING TO GEYER-GEORGE DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON, STATED THAT GDR PREPARED TO ACCORD RECIPROCAL TREATMENT TO US DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED TO GDR BY ISSUING THEM MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR ONE YEAR. HE THEN HANDED MISSION OFFICER FORMAL THIRD PERSON DIPLOMATIC NOTE ADDRESSED TO DEPARTMENT REQUESTING THAT SUCH VISAS BE ISSUED TO FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS (NOW IN US): PROTSCH, HANNSGERD; PROTSCH, CHRISTA; RISCH, JOACHIM; RISCH, CHRISTA; WIESNER, RENATE; KOWAL, KONRAD; AND, TO WIESNER, ERHARD (LATTER PRESENTLY IN EAST BERLIN). SIEMENS INQUIRED IF NOTE WOULD SATISFY USG REQUIREMENTS OR IF IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR EAS GERMANS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS AS WELL. HE ALSO ASKED IF IT WAS NECESSARY

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FOR SUESS, GEYER AND FRAU STEFFEN TO SUBMIT SUCH

APPLICATIONS EX POST FACTO FOR VISAS ISSUED TO PERMIT THEIR TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR SEPTEMBER 4 SIGNING CEREMONY OR IF NOTE ALONG SAME LINES AS THAT JUST HANDED OVER WOULD SUFFICE. SIEMENS STATED THAT GDR WOULD PLAN TO EMPLOY THIS PROCEDURE ONLY FOR BEARERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. AS REGARDS WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR CITIZENS OF ONE COUNTRY IN IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS TRANSIT OF OTHER, SIEMENS SAID GDR PREPARED PROVIDE RECIPROCAL TREATMENT, WHICH IS, IN ANY EVENT, CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE.

3. SIEMENS ASKED IF USG ALSO PREPARED ISSUE ONE -YEAR VALIDITY, MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS, ON RECIPROCAL BASIS, TO GDR DIPLOMATIC COURIERS. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. ALSO HANDED-OVER DURING MEETING WAS NOTE (AGAIN REFERRING TO DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON) ADDRESSED TO DEPARTMENT REQUESTING TAX IMMUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN PARA 1 ABOVE. BOTH NOTES BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

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